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FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS

FEBURARY 27:

BEGIN TEXT:

PAKISTAN-SAFEGUARDS FOR SPENT FUEL
FROM CANADIAN REACTOR

MR. EDWARD BROADBENT (OSHAWA-WHITBY): MR. SPEAKER, I HAVE

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A QUESTION FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

IN THE HOUSE YESTERDAY WITH REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATION THAT ARE GOING ON BETWEEN CANADA AND PAKISTAN CONCERNING NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS, THE MINISTER SAID: WHAT IS OF CONCERN TO CANADA... IS THE SPENT FUEL THAT COMES OUT OF THE CANADIAN REACTOR AND THAT MAY SUBSEQUENTLY BE REPROCESSED IN THE FACILITY PROVIDED BY FRANCE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK THE MINISTER NOW WHETHER HE WILL ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT NO FURTHER SHIPMENTS OF URANIUM FROM CANADA TO PAKISTAN WILL TAKE PLACE UNLESS PAKISTAN ACCEPTS THE POINT THAT CANADIAN SAFEGUARDS APPLY NOT MERELY TO THE CANDU REACTOR PROVIDED BY CANADA BUT ALSO TO THE USE OF SPENT FUEL FROM THE CANADIAN REACTOR NOW IN PAKISTAN.

HON. ALLAN J. MACEACHEN (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS): MR. SPEAKER, THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CANADIAN TEAM AND THE PAKISTANI TEAM ARE STILL UNDER WAY. I HAD A DETAILED REPORT THIS MORNING ABOUT THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE, AND OF COURSE ONE OF THE ITEL'S STILL UNDER NEGOTIATIONS IN THE VERY POINT THAT THE HON. MEMBER HAS RAISED THIS MORNING AND TO WHICH I REFERRED YESTERDAY. THE HON. MEMBER IS SUGGESTING THAT CANADA WITHHOLD ITS SUPPLIES OF URANIUM OR FUEL TO PAKISTAN IN ORDER--

MR. BROADBENT: UNLESS YOU GET THAT GUARANTEE.

MR. MACEACHEN:--IN ORDER TO BRING PAKISTAN TO THE POINT OF CANCELLING A CONTRACT WHICH, I UNDERSTAND, HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. THAT IS A POSSIBILITY, BUT I THINK HON. MEMBER SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR PAKISTAN IF CANADA AT THIS POINT WITHDREW ITS FUEL FROM THE CANDU POWER REACTOR AND CUT OFF THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE CITY OF KARACHI. I BELIEVE THAT IS A STEP WHICH THE HON. MEMBER AND I WOULD LIKE TO PONDER VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE IT IS TAKEN.

MR. BROADBENT: NOTWITHSTANDING THE LEGITIMATE CONCERN UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH THE MINISTER EXPRESSED ABOUT THE POWER SITUATION FOR THE CITY OF KARACHI, I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK THE MINISTER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION. GIVERN, TO SAY THE LEAST, THE EQUAL CONCERN FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF EVERYONE IN THE WORLD TO STOP THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WOULD THE MINISTER NOT AGREE THAT UNLESS WE GET THE MOST STRINGENT GUARANTEES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WHICH WOULD TOTALLY INHIBIT THE USE OF CANADIAN-PROVIDED MATERIAL FOR

THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED
IN ANY WAY WITH FURTHER SHIPMENTS OF URANIUM MATERIAL TO
THAT COUNTRY?

MR. MACEACHEN: WELL, THE HON. MEMBER UNDERSTANDS THAT
THERE IS PRESENTLY IN PAKISTAN THE CANADIAN SUPPLIED POWER
REACTOR. AT THE TIME THAT REACTOR WAS PUT IN PLACE
CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS WERE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN CANADA AND PAKISTAN,
AND AT THIS POINT THE PURPOSE OF THE CANADIAN EFFORT IS TO
UPGRADE EXISTING SAFEGUARD AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY
ENTERED INTO BETWEEN CANADA AND PAKISTAN AFFECTING THAT
PARTICULAR INSTALLATION. WE ARE DOING OUR LEVEL BEST,
AND I BELIEVE WE WILL MAKE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN
UPGRADING THOSE SAFEGUARDS.

I BELIEVE THE HON. MEMBER SHOULD BEAR IN MIND AS WELL
THAT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE HAS BEEN A SAFEGUARD
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN FRANCE AND PAKISTAN RELATING
TO THE PROCESSING PLANT. THESE SAFEGUARDS ARE OF LONDON
CLUD QUALITY AND HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, SO THAT PROCESSING PLANT IS
ACTUALLY SAFEGUARDED UNDER INTERNATIONALLY APPROVED
STANDARDS...THE QUESTION WHICH IS RELEVANT, AND WHICH
THE HON. MEMBER HAS RAISED, IS THE SAFEGUARDS WITH
RESPECT TO THE CANADAIN REACTOR WHICH IS PRESENTLY IN
PAKISTAN. IT IS WITH RESPECT TO THAT REACTOR--

MR. BROADBENT: AND THE USE OF FUEL.

MR. MACEACHEN: AND THE USE OF FUEL. I HEARD THE WORDS
OF THE HON. MEMBER, AND I WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO THOSE
WORDS AT A FUTURE TIME WHEN IT WILL BE APPROPRIATE. IT
IS ON THAT POINT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER
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WAY, AND AT THE MOMENT WE ARE CONSIDERING WHAT OUR TOTAL
APPROACH WILL BE DEPENDING UPON THE RESULTS OF THESE
NEGOTIATIONS. WITH REGARD TO PAKISTAN, WE ARE INSISTING
ON THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE SAFEGUARDS. HOWEVER, PLEASE DO
NOT ASK CANADA TO DETERMINE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS OUGHT TO
EXIST BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND FRANCE. SURELY, THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT. END TEXT.
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